

THE GREAT CANAL.

For nearly four hundred years men have been scheming and planning and projecting for a great canal which will practically shorten the distance between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

But nature's barriers have been multiplied as men have sought more closely and carefully what the means and what the labor for the accomplishment of this object, until Mont Pelee's late eruptions have about put the last touch upon the mountain of obstruction to the construction of the long-dreamed and much desired inter-oceanic water-way.

The United States government is committed to the project, but the question for immediate decision seems to be whether to construct the canal by the Nicaragua route, which would be one hundred and eighty seven miles long and would require thirty three hours to make the run, or by the Panama route, a distance of forty seven miles and which would require twenty hours to make the run.

Various arguments are used pro and con for each route. Senator Hanna in a speech in the Senate a few days ago intimated that to construct the canal by the Nicaragua route would be to invade the home of volcanoes; for he said in Lake Nicaragua, through which that route would pass, are two volcanoes, one of which has been known to be active recently.

Senator Hanna is therefore opposed to the Nicaragua route; for he called forth the example of Mont Pelee's recent eruption and asked if it is wise to view of the recent Martinique horror, to put aside such considerations. In this strain he asked, "If there were no other objections except the danger from volcanoes and seismic conditions, would not any party or corporation pause and consider before it began an expenditure of \$700,000,000?"

But how about the Panama route? Well it is only forty seven miles, but it turns out that this is also a place of great danger from earthquakes. Dr. Eugene Murray-Aaron wrote from Washington, D. C., to the Scientific American under date of May 24th that "Panama has sudden shocks and quivers that would crack the pyramids of Cheops in twain."

All arguments considered and all newly arising fears reckoned with, THE COMMONWEALTH is of the opinion that there is yet some reasonable doubt about either route being hurriedly finished. There will be much more time consumed in considering these questions before it is done with.

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EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH:—I wish to suggest to the voters of Halifax county the names of three men to be voted for at the next election for county commissioners—namely, Dr. R. M. Johnson, of Scotland Neck; Mr. George B. Curtis, of Enfield; and Mr. R. W. Brown, of Weldon.

It is generally concluded, I believe, that the finances of the county are not in good shape and that there is need of a change. I have no objection personally to the present board, they are clever gentlemen. Turn about is fair play so let us have a change and see if the finances of the county can not be improved.

RINGWOOD NOTES.

Cor. to The Commonwealth. RINGWOOD, June 8, '02.

We need rain, although if it come in a few days crops will not have suffered much. Crops are about average.

Miss Marie Williams has returned from St. Mary's. Misses Ruth and Mary Bulluck have returned from Louisiana Female College. Both received medals for proficiency in some of the branches.

It was Children's Day at Bethesda yesterday and a large crowd enjoyed the interesting exercises.

We all have preferences for men for positions of trust. I would like Judge Clark for Chief Justice, believing he has splendid talents and great learning and is honest, just and true.

For Superior Court Judge, who is more deserving than Peebles? Endowed with fine business powers and possessed of profound legal erudition he would make a model judge.

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Postmaster Palmer

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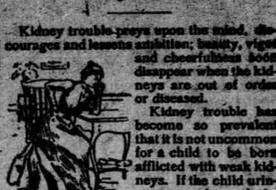
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I shall call for taxes for 1902, on court house door in Halifax, on Monday, July 7th, the following real estate to satisfy taxes in Halifax county for 1901:

- BRINKLEYVILLE TOWNSHIP. J. H. Arrington estate Burncoat 96 acres \$3 14. David A. Brewer 66 acres part Shearin tract taxes and cost \$3 74. Mrs. S. J. Hardy 16 acres New Road taxes and cost \$1 04. Malvine Harvey 10 acres White-oak taxes and cost 93c. J. J. Macklin estate two years tax 123 acres Hills Roads taxes and costs \$6 13. J. G. Newsom 22 acres New Road taxes and cost \$1 91. J. W. Powell 50 acres Fishing Creek taxes and cost \$1 85. Jesse Richardson Fr. 14 acres Howtree taxes and cost \$1 03. Cary Solomon 52 acres Bear-swamp taxes and cost \$2 05. S. A. Solomon one town lot Ringwood taxes and cost \$1 18. Dr. Ragott Browning 57 acres G. H. Lee place taxes and cost \$2 00. Nelson Davis 48 acres Bob Tucker place taxes and cost \$1 85. This 4th day June 1902.

W. J. MOHORN, Tax collector for Brinkleyville township.

Notice.

Having qualified as executors of Mary P. Edmondson, all persons having claims against her estate are notified to present them to us on or before the 10th day of May, 1903, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. Persons indebted to her estate are requested to make immediate payment. This May 5th, 1902.

R. C. JOSE, W. A. DUNK, Executors Mary P. Edmondson. 5-8-02.

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Notice. Having qualified as executors of Amanda Howe, all persons holding claims against her estate are hereby notified to present them to us on or before the 10th day of May, 1903, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. Persons indebted to her estate are requested to make immediate settlement. This May 5th, 1902. T. L. HOWE, Executor, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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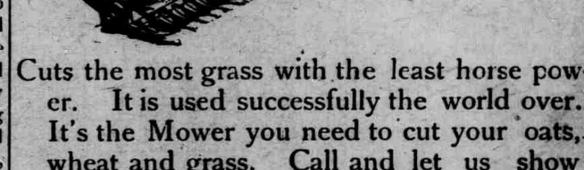
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